

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 2 with the following replacement paragraph:

The solution consists of a protective hood ~~with the features of claim 1. According to the invention,~~ ~~it is thus provided that~~ comprising a composite material with a support material of nonwoven polypropylene and a coating material of a thermoplastic copolymer wherein the coating material is comprised of an ethylene-butyl acrylate copolymer and is introduced onto the support material by means of extrusion coating.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 5 with the following replacement paragraph:

The protective hood according to the invention is comprised of two materials, a support material and a coating material. The support material is a polypropylene filament nonwoven material, natural, with a basis weight of 90 g/m². The filament nonwoven material can be colored. A suitable filament nonwoven material is, for example, offered by the Freudenberg Co., nonwoven material KG under the name Eutrasil LUTRASIL LS 3450™ nonwoven material. It has a thickness of 0.43 mm (according to EN [European Standard] 29073, Part 1), a maximum tensile [strength] force of 141 N/5 cm lengthwise and 75 N/5 cm crosswise (according to EN 29073, Part 3), a maximum tensile elongation of 102% lengthwise and 97% crosswise (according to EN 29073, Part 3) and a tear strength of 15% lengthwise and 15% crosswise (according to DIN [German Industrial Standard] 53859, Sheet 3).

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 with the following replacement paragraph:

The coating material is an ethylene-butyl acrylate copolymer with a butyl acrylate fraction of 17 wt. %. It contains no additives. The material is particularly suitable for extrusion coating, since it has

a high flexibility and a good stability, even at low temperatures. A suitable material is offered, for example, by the company Borealis Holding A/S under the name Borflex BORFLEX EBA OE6417™ ethylene-butyl acrylate copolymer. This material has a flow index of 7 g/10 min at 190 °C and 2.16 kg (according to ISO 1133), a density of 924 kg/m³ (according to ISO 1183), a minimum coating weight of 6 g/m² (according to BTM 00117) a maximum coating weight of 550 m/min (according to BTM 0016), a Vicat softening point of 55 °C (10 N; according to ISO 306), a Shore hardness (A/D) of 89/31 (according to ISO 868), a tensile modulus of 40 MPa and an extrusion edge runoff of 60 mm (according to BTM 00115). The material is free of plasticizers and solvents.